

## ***DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD***

### **Minutes – November 20, 2000**

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street North.

#### **Members Present**

David Babich  
Tom Byrne  
Michele Chauncey  
Charlotte Foster  
John Fuller  
Mike Pompeo  
Council Member Pisciotte

#### **Members Absent**

Alice James  
Mary Herrin  
George Laham  
Susan Leasure  
Shirley Jefferson

#### **Guests**

Jim Brittian  
Shirley Brittian  
Todd Dechant  
Don Heer  
June Heer  
Jalick Howell  
Ward Jewell  
Alan Morrison

#### **City of Wichita Staff**

Mark Bradshaw, Environmental Health  
Jamsheed Mehta, MAPD  
Daniel Nguyen, MAPD

Diane Park

Louise Yost

**1<sup>st</sup> Chair Pro Tem Michele Chauncey** called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

**Tom Byrne (Charlotte Foster)** moved that the minutes of the November 6, 2000 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed (6-0)

**Tom Byrne (Charlotte Foster)** moved the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion passed (6-0).

No items were submitted for the public agenda, unfinished agenda, planning agenda, or the traffic agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Environmental Health Presentation**

**Mark Bradshaw**, Code Enforcement Supervisor for Environmental Health, presented information regarding codes that affect neighborhood premises. **Bradshaw's** department specifically covers two areas: 1) Animal Control; and 2) Premise Conditions.

Issues that are addressed under these headings include: 1) Improper household trash collection 2) Assorted trash and debris on premises; 3) Bulky waste- i.e.: furniture, appliances, etc.; 4) Tall grass and weeds (over 12 inches); 5) Buildup of animal fecal material; 6) Inoperable or

abandoned vehicles; 7) Open or run-down buildings; 8) Insect and rodent pests; 9) Illegal dumping or littering; and 10) County animal bites (rabies control). Brochures outlining Environmental Health Services were distributed to DAB members and citizens present.

**Action: Received and filed.**

## **2. Engine Compression Release Brakes**

The District II Advisory Board discussed issues pertaining to the use of engine compression release brakes in areas of Wichita near interstate highways. The discussion focused on the loud noise generated by this braking system and the difficulty enforcing any prohibitive ordinances. The problem with enforcement stems from the City of Wichita not being allowed to display any signs on the interstate highway prohibiting the use of these brakes. DAB II recognized the importance of the issue in those Wichita communities near the highway.

DAB II members stated their biggest concerns are the legality of prohibiting this braking system and the difficulty enforcing an ordinance of this type.

**Action: No action taken.**

## **3. Transportation Enhancement Program FY 2003**

**Jamsheed Mehta**, MAPD, presented information dealing with the Park and Open Space Master Plan. **Mehta** stated when compared to similar sized cities Wichita has less park space. The Federal Transportation Program helps facilitate municipalities in creating more park space. The program requires cities to provide a 20% match of the total submitted cost. Wichita which is a part of Kansas Department of Transportation District 5 must compete with surrounding counties for these federal funds. **Mehta** discussed projects within Council District II that may be funded by this program including the bike path along K-96.

**Action: No action taken.**

## **4. Rails to Trails**

**Jamsheed Mehta**, MAPD, presented information concerning a potential use for the BNSF railroad easement which may be abandoned in the future. There currently are approximately ten miles of BNSF railroad track which runs between Central near Interstate Highway 135 and Butler County. If this track is abandoned the City of Wichita has two options: 1) allow the easement to revert to adjacent properties; 2) not allow the easements to extinguish and store the property for future transportation use.

**Mehta** suggested one such transportation use would be to create a trail along these corridors. These trails would add to the current amount of park space in the City of Wichita, and compliment the existing trails present in the City of Wichita. The design of these trails could allow for bicycle and walking uses. Members of the Oz Bicycle Club have voiced their support for the project and would like to encourage the City of Wichita to create these paths.

**Action: No action taken.**

5. **RV and Commercial Vehicle Parking**

The District II Advisory Board reviewed issues and proposed solutions to problems with RV and large truck parking. Proposed amendments to the existing ordinance were reviewed. Citizens concerned with enforcement of the existing ordinance expressed their concerns and their approval of the proposed amendments. **Mike Pompeo (Charlotte Foster)** moved to recommend approval of the amendments to the existing ordinance. The motion passed (6-0).

**Action: Recommended approving the amendments to the ordinance.**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by,

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Neighborhood Assistant, District II